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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6786

BILL NUMBER: SB 224

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 20, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Home Health Care Services and Hospice Services Council.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill prevents a member of the Home Health Care Services and Hospice Services Council from: (1) having an ownership interest in; or (2) serving as a voting member on the governing body of; a home health agency or a hospice. The bill removes the prohibition against a member having: (1) a pecuniary interest in; or (2) providing services through employment or under contract for; a home health agency or a hospice.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill revises restrictions placed on qualifications of the individuals appointed to serve on the 16-member Indiana Home Health Care Services and Hospice Services Council.

Background: The Council was created by SEA 41-2004 to propose the adoption of rules concerning health and sanitation standards necessary to protect the health, safety, rights, and welfare of home health care and hospice patients; qualifications of applicants for licenses; and to act as an advisory body for the State Department of Health. The Council is required to meet at least 4 times each year. Fourteen members of the Council are entitled to receive per diem pay, and all members are entitled to necessary travel expenses. The State Department of Health is responsible for staffing the Council.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

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